Subscribe to "UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION" NOW

UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION

Send for Copy of "UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION" TODAY

VOL. I, NO. 3 BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS FOR UNITED ACTION Oct. 1, 1942

The N. A. E. U. A And The Nation

DR. H. J. OCKENGA

Text: "What king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh with twenty thousand?"

Victory is never won without forethought. It is high time that we gave forethought to the strength of the enemy which is arrayed against us. Much attention has been given of late to the impotency of the Allied political offensive which has been due to our moral weakness.

The problem was stated brilliantly and prophetically by Professor George De Santillana in The Atlantic Monthly in an article entitled, "Today Belongs to Hitler." Mr. Santillana analyzed why today belongs to Hitler and forecast that if tomorrow shall belong to us we must do something about it more than in a military way. We must do something about organizing a fifth column to penetrate Axis countries and Axis conquered countries in order to prepare them for the opening of a second military front. At present "only the Axis has been able to organize and direct a fifth column, in the proper sense of the term." We in turn, declares Mr. Santillana, have never troubled to locate the concrete nature and motive of actions of those on our side. We have not given a clear moral picture of the United Nations. We have not even troubled to get into our minds what kind of people are actually listening to our propaganda broadcasts at their personal risks. About all we have done so far is to pat them on the back and give a breezy exhortation to go and shoot some more Germans. On the other hand, Hitler is applying to us all the strategy which he worked out on the inner front and his was the first attempt, with the exception of Lenin's, at a solution to the great problems due to the industrial Revolution and the growing pressure of the masses. We

(Turn to page 3)

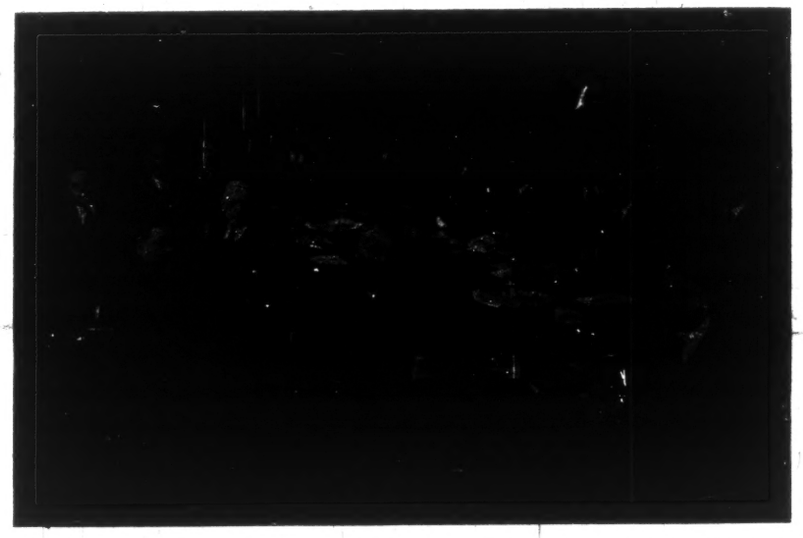
NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

An expanding volume of correspondence and business in behalf of N.A.E.U.A. has necessitated moving into larger quarters. The new address is Room 521, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF N. A. E. U. A. MEETS IN NEW YORK CITY

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA SCENE OF IMPORTANT CONCLAVE - UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION LEADERS MAP SEASON'S WORK

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION AT HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA



Mr. H. J. Taylor, Dr. Ralph T. Davis, Mr. J. Willison Smith, Miss Gertrude D. Clark, Dr. H. M. Shuman, Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Rev. Alex H. Sauerwein, Rev. J. Elwin Wright, Dr. R. J. Bateman, Dr. John W. Bradbury, Dr. J. Alvin Orr, Bishop Leslie R. Marston, Rev. James T. Rider, Dr. William Ward Ayer.

On September 9th the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action convened at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, with all members in attendance. This full day of Spirit-led planning brings the ideal of Unity among Evangelicals nearer to glorious reality.

Committee Personnel

The group included Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Pastor of Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, Mass., President; Dr. R. J. Bateman, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, First Vice President; Bishop Leslie R. Marston of Greenville, Ill., Second Vice President; Rev. Ralph T. Davis, General Secretary of Africa Inland Mission, Secretary; Mr. H. J. Taylor of Chicago, President of Club Aluminum, Treasurer; Miss Gertrude D. Clark, Assistant Treasurer and Office Manager; Dr. John Bradbury, Editor of the Watchman-Examiner; Dr. T. Roland Philips, Pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. J. Alvin Orr, Professor in Erskine College, Due West, S. C.; Dr. H. M. Shuman, President of Christian and Missionary Alliance, New York. The latter four are members-at-large of the Executive Committee.

Active Leaders Consulted

By special invitation Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York; Dr. James T. Rider, Pastor of Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.; and Rev. Alex Sauerwein, Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Huntington, L. I., were also present. The latter two are chairmen, respectively, of the New England and Central Atlantic Districts. Rev. J. Elwin Wright, Promotional Director of the National Association, and Mr. J. Willison Smith, a leading Philadelphia attorney, completed the roster of those in attendance.

The meeting opened with a.

(Turn to page 2)

OCTOBER REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

Following the pattern established in New York and Boston there will be twelve Regional Conferences during the month of October. The sessions will begin at 10:30 A. M. and continue throughout the day and evening.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
Date: October 1, 1942.
Place: Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.
Chairman: Dr. Walter Vail Watson of hostess church.
Speakers: Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, Stephen W. Paine, Howard W. Ferrin, J. Elwin Wright, William Ward Ayer

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Date: October 5.
Place: Book-Cadillac Hotel.
Chairman: Dr. William G. Coltman of Highland Park Baptist Church.
Speakers: Bishop Leslie R. Marston, Clarence S. Roddy, Walter Vail Watson of Buffalo, J. Elwin Wright.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Date: October 6.
Place: Hotel Severin.
Chairman: President Robert Lee Stuart of Taylor University.
Speakers: J. Marion Smith of Muncie, Indiana; Leslie R. Marston, Clarence S. Roddy, J. Elwin Wright.

DES MOINES, IOWA
Date: October 8.
Place: Gospel Temple.
Chairman: Rev. Edward Boone.
Speakers: Clarence S. Roddy, Vincent Brushwyler, Leslie R. Marston, J. Elwin Wright

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
Date: October 9.
Place: Little Theatre, Municipal Auditorium.
Chairman: Clarence S. Roddy.
Speakers: J. Roswell Flower, Springfield, Missouri; Leslie R. Marston, J. Elwin Wright

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Date: October 13.
Place: Mission Tabernacle Church.
Chairman: Paul S. Rees.
Speakers: T. J. Bach of Chicago; Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright.

BISMARCK, N. DAK.
Date: October 14.
Place: Not announced.
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright.

BILLINGS, MONTANA
Date: October 15.
Place: Union Bible Study Classes.
Chairman: Rev. Walter Feely.
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright.

(Turn to page 2)

UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION

Monthly Bulletin of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action
$1.00 per year ..... 5c per copy

JOHN A. HUFFMAN, *Editor*

OFFICERS

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, President
Dr. R. J. Bateman, First Vice President
Bishop Leslie R. Marston, Second Vice President
Mr. J. Willison Smith, Secretary
Mr. H. J. Taylor, Treasurer

Directors:
Dr. H. M. Shuman, New York
Dr. John Bradbury, New York
Dr. J. Alvin Orr, South Carolina
Dr. T. Roland Philips, Baltimore

Advisory Committee:
William Ward Ayer
Donald G. Barnhouse
Rasmus Bernisen
C. Gordon Brownville
Frank E. Cheney
William Culbertson
Ralph T. Davis
Horace Dean
R. L. Decker
Howard W. Ferrin
R. H. Harvey
G. E. Huebert
John A. Huffman
Daniel Iverson
Stephen W. Paine
Noel Perkin
Ivar Sellevaag
W. L. Surbrook
Nathan R. Wood
John W. McCall

Fields of Endeavor
1. Evangelism
2. Relations with government
3. National and local use of radio
4. Public relations
5. Preservation of separation between church and state
6. Christian education
7. Freedom for home and foreign missions.

New Office

At present all accounts are being handled by Miss Gertrude D. Clark, office manager and assistant treasurer. The new office is Room 521, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

EVANGELICAL ACTION

A history of the genesis of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. Cloth bound. 176 pages. Contains a report of the National Conference at St. Louis, addresses of the principal speakers, constitution, doctrinal statement and policies.

An indispensable volume for all who wish to become fully informed regarding this unifying movement of evangelicals which is sweeping the country.

PRICE ..... $1.00 postpaid

Order from
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS FOR UNITED ACTION
Room 521, 120 Tremont St. Boston, Mass.

Why Another Organization

By

Dr. R. J. Bateman and Dr. J. Alvin Orr

In April, 1942, some one hundred and fifty ministers and laymen, meeting at St. Louis, Missouri, coming from all sections of the United States, were led to form this organization for the following reasons, which we believe properly and imperatively called us into existence.

There are millions of earnest Christians in America who are not represented by any other organization or church groups. This is true because of the fact that some interdenominational Protestant church organizations have so far departed from "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," that many millions of us can not give to them our allegiance.

These millions of earnest Christians feel deeply the propriety and necessity that these millions who hold the evangelical doctrines of the Holy Scriptures should be articulate and vocal. We recognize that there are other organizations which purport to represent the Christian mind of America; but we find ourselves definitely differing from them, on the one hand in doctrine, and on the other in spirit and method.

We declare, clearly and earnestly, our firm adherence to a conservative interpretation of the Scriptures, in keeping with the faith of our fathers, believing the Bible to be the Word of God, and that God has herein revealed Himself supernaturally, as well as in His Son Jesus Christ, and that the evangelization of the masses can be effected only by cooperation among those who hold to the evangelical faith.

We therefore most earnestly invite all Christians who share these positions to unite with us at once against other organizations which do not so honor the Bible and Jesus Christ; and who have evidenced and do evidence their adherence to radical teachings and movements contrary to the Word of God. We invite every follower of Christ to put the following simplified statements of our faith down beside the positions declared by other organizations of church bodies, and determine for themselves who are truly holding the evangelical position. Thus only can evangelicals protect and advance their ideals and teachings by means of distinctive solidarity.

We here present a brief statement of the doctrines we hold, and to which all subscribe before being received to our fellowship.

1. **We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.**

2. **We believe that, in order to have eternal life, everyone must be "born again" by the Holy Spirit.**

3. **We believe that salvation is had only through faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

4. **We believe in the unity of all true believers in Christ.**

5. **As to the Lord Jesus Christ, we hold to the following: His virgin birth, the reality of His miracles as recorded in the New Testament, His strong sacrifice for our sins, His bodily resurrection, and His return.**

We believe that all true evangelicals hold to this faith and that they should unite their testimony. Thus would we greatly hasten the evangelization of the masses. And in the furtherance of all we covenant with God and each other that our spirits shall be in harmony with His Spirit, and our efforts only for His glory.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN NEW YORK

(Continued from page 1)

season of prayer in which all participated and following the reading of the minutes there was a general discussion of the affairs of the Association.

Increased Budget Authorized

Dr. Bradbury moved that in view of the expansion of the work the officers and Executive Committee be authorized to receive funds in excess of the $10,000 limit recommended by the St. Louis conference, as the needs may require, and that the President appoint a Budget Committee to consider the financial needs of the Association and report at the next quarterly meeting. The motion was carried.

Recommendation

Mr. Wright urged the early appointment of an Executive Secretary, pointing out that his duties would be completed after the Regional Conference and Constitutional Convention were held and that his work as President of the New England Fellowship must be resumed on May 1, 1943.

Appointments

Dr. Bateman and Dr. Orr were appointed to frame a concise statement of the reason for organizing the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Bradbury and Mr. Wright were appointed by the President to prepare a statement respecting the position of the N. A. E. U. A. in relation to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Missionary Chairman Chosen

Ralph T. Davis reported a meeting of certain missionary executives, called for the purpose of considering the relationship of these organizations to the N. A. E. U. A. and suggesting ways and means by which it could be helpful to their Boards. The President appointed Dr. T. J. Bach, General Secretary of the Scandinavian Alliance, Chairman of a Missions Committee.

Change in Secretaryship

Rev. Ralph T. Davis presented his resignation as Secretary of the Board, stating that the pressure of his other duties made it necessary for him to be relieved. His resignation was accepted with regret and he was then elected to membership on the Advisory Committee. Mr. J. Willison Smith was elected Board Secretary to succeed Rev. Ralph T. Davis.

REV. J. ELWIN WRIGHT
Promotional Director
National Association

OCTOBER REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

(Continued from page 1)

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
Date: October 16-17
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
Date: October 19,
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright, J. Renwick McCullough of Tacoma

PORTLAND, OREGON
Date: October 20
Place: Hinson Memorial Baptist Church.
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright, J. Renwick McCullough.

DENVER, COLORADO
Date: October 22.
Place: Central Presbyterian Church.
Chairman: Dr. R. L. Decker of Ft. Collins.
Speakers: Harold J. Ockenga, J. Elwin Wright, R. S. Beal of First Baptist Church, Tucson; Sam Bradford of Beth Eden Baptist Church, Denver.

WATCH NEXT ISSUE FOR REVISED LIST OF LATER CONFERENCES.

Representation Studied

There was a lengthy discussion of representation at National Conventions and of District Committees, resulting in a motion by Dr. Orr, which was adopted, as follows: That the Executive Committee, in view of blessed experiences already had, endorse the formation of regional associations, not necessarily formed according to state boundaries, in all cases to be formed and conducted in accordance with the Constitution and by-laws, and in support of the National Association; and that these associations shall be considered as formed to function only until the annual meeting at Chicago in the spring of 1943. And this action is taken with the understanding that the next national convention, i. e., 1943, shall make permanent provision for such regional associations. To this end, the President shall now appoint a committee to study the issue and make recommendation to the National Convention of 1943. All city or group conferences shall be held under the auspices of the regional association in which they are geographically located.

It was voted to secure larger quarters for the office in Boston as Mr. Wright reported that several full time secretaries are now required to handle the mail.

There were many other matters of importance before the meeting which are not being released for publication at this time.

THE N.A.E.U.A. AND THE NATION

(Continued from page 1)

can not deal with the elemental forces let loose in the world today unless we bring forward a mental picture as clear as Hitler's — real solutions of our own instead of his fake solutions. Only in that way will tomorrow belong to us. This means the evolving of something more than punctilious platitudes, stale commonplaces, vague generalities about the four freedoms and outdated diplomatic tricks. On such a fifth column men will not die for victory.

The same criticism was expressed most concisely by Henry P. VanDusen in "Christianity and Crisis" where he declared that we know what we are fighting against but it is not yet entirely plain what we are fighting for. We know we are fighting against such a fate as has overtaken Manchuria, Ethiopia, Poland, Greece, Czecho-Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Norway, Belgium, France, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and sections of Russia and China. To avoid such a fate is cause enough to call out the supreme effort of any people, but the modus causandi of this war must be bigger than merely an escape. Crusading zeal will be aroused only by a great goal and that goal must be the setting forward of civilization. Only a great achievement can make death worth while. What then will take civilization forward? An Allied victory? If so, we must have a plan. That plan can not be The American Way of Life, for collectivist philosophy is gradually being applied in our own nation It can not be the colonial policy which marked the western powers before the war, for this has been a failure. Certainly it is not to be the Nazi system with Lidice and the hostage system of slaughter. Then what will it be? Apparently when we find ourselves fighting hand in hand with a dictator who rules by his ironclad will one hundred and eighty million people, this can not be a crusade for democracy.

The enemy has capitalized our weaknesses by his own program and propagation. The fact that large portions of populations in the countries conquered by the Axis powers turned against the Allies and joined with the Axis reveals a preparatory penetration on the intellectual and the political front before any military conquest took place. It can not be forgotten that the natives of Burma, Malaya and East India turned against the Allies. India proper is now a seething cauldron with hundreds of its leaders in jail and other hundreds killed in mass riots and with the prospect of little defense against a foreign aggressor. France presents the spectacle of native-born Frenchmen utterly sold out to the Axis cause.

It is very evident that a considerable section of these conquered countries in Europe were already won over to the plans of the new order on the basis of Axis teaching before ever the war began. Santillana describes it pictorially. "Thus (that is the fall of France) was climaxed a complex strategic campaign that had begun three years before in the Rhineland; in which Hitler had integrated all the modern rules of action, his tanks and panzers, press and radio, fears and grudges and hatreds, soulless organizations and solemn indifference into one master plan, waging war as he talked peace, waging peace on those who tried to make war, feeling his way along the cracks and fissures of the European structure until all his wedges were in place. Then at the tap of the hammer it fell apart."

With similar sagacity the Japanese undermined American defenses in the Pacific until they could strike at our weakest hour. Facts have now come forth concerning Pearl Harbor which raise a blush of shame to the face of every American. Congressman Hoffman of Michigan after the Pearl Harbor disaster stood in the House of Representatives and cried: "Why let some drink themselves drunk while others die? Remember Pearl Harbor." Official records of Pearl Harbor say that the attack came at 7:55 o'clock in the morning. Do not forget the hour. And on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Remember the day. Why so early in the day and why on the 7th. The 6th day was the pay day in Army and Navy and for air and defense work and it was Saturday.

That night Honolulu was wide open. Men in all kinds of service crowded the 490 places that dispense liquor. They made a night of it. Many were so intoxicated that as early as 7:55 o'clock on Sunday morning they were wholly unfit for any service. So the crash came when the defenders were most vulnerable. When the military took over the first order was, "All men to their posts of duty." The second order closed every post that dispensed liquor of any kind. The order was completely enforced but it was too late. The American Navy was effectually put out of commission until the Japanese flood had passed through the gates into the control of the Pacific.

Now civilization is at the crossroads. The clock is turned back. Culture is adrift. Foundations are breaking up. What will happen if the Axis wins? That must not happen for we know too much about the massacre of Lidice to avenge the killing of a German hangman, the slaughter of 1,500 Dutch intellectuals to avenge the lives of a handful of Germans, the concentration camps, the starvation of Greece, the mass migrations of huge populations in central Europe. No, that must not happen. But what is our alternative? What are we offering to the world. We can not fight merely in the negative. Defense tactics mean defeat. No other alternative has yet been presented. Now is the time to sit down and to compute whether we have anything with which to meet this terrific intellectual and physical onslaught of what has been termed the New Order.

I. THE WAY OF LIFE THE WORLD DOES NOT WANT

Of one thing we can be certain, namely, that some kinds of life can not compete with the new order brutal, violent, though it may be. The discipline, sacrifice, and hero worship connected with it have been sufficient to challenge the loyalties of countless hordes to give themselves in death. Before we can talk therefore about a better way for the world we must establish it for ourselves. What is it that we would foist upon the world in this day? Terrible facts are being brought to the surface about our own life. It is time we recognize the power of the liquor interests over what is called our American way of life. The part which liquor played in Pearl Harbor was surpassed at Singapore. Van Loon declared that Singapore "maintains a set of barrooms the splendor of which is famous all over the Orient." How much did this have to do with the collapse of the Gibraltar of the East? France, according to Petain, owed its great military debacle to alcohol. Said he, "Our soldiers were drunk and could not fight." At the time of the invasion of France the nation was consuming an average of two and a half quarts of alcoholic beverage a week per person, the largest percentage of any nation in the world. Dr. G. B. Cutten, President of Colgate University, after quoting statistics added, "That is the way France drank her way to victory."

REV. T. ROLAND PHILIPS, D.D.
Chairman of Baltimore Conference
Member Executive Committee

And apparently that is the way America thinks that she will drink her way to victory. After Pearl Harbor America had stocked in the warehouses of this country over five hundred and eleven million gallons of whiskey, five year's supply. Moreover, the breweries and distilleries, with the exception of a few taken over for the production of alcohol for military uses, are going full speed ahead. Last year the American people paid to liquor dealers for legal alcohol beverages over four million dollars and some authorities estimate that nearly as much was paid for illegal liquor. Pennsylvania alone spent 108,000,000 dollars in the State liquor stores, while all the Christians of North America only gave twenty million dollars, that is one-two-hundred-and-fiftieth of liquor costs, for world-wide missions. In 1940 two million tons of grain were used for alcohol beverages and four million gallons of molasses in a government which denies access to rubber to milk trucks, limits travel of doctors and public servants, rations sugar, oil and other things, and does nothing about the most destructive thing in American life. Of the five most serious health problems in America alcohol leads; alcohol, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, cancer and heart trouble. Thirty-two per cent of the male admissions to insane hospitals in Massachusetts are due to alcoholism and thirty-three per cent in California and there are more mental cases in America in public institutions than there are in all the hospitals in our country. **We need say very little about the terrible accidents and toll of human life taken by liquor as well as the mistaken commands given in war. If the Japs had distributed tuberculosis germs among their enemies we would consider them inhuman and barbarous, but the brewing interests of America have succeeded in getting the Army to admit beer into the camps of our concentrated youth in order to stimulate the taste and to destroy more men than tuberculosis can do.**

We have not forgotten that the same President who now asks us to sacrifice our blood, our money, our comforts and our loved ones is the one who introduced the repeal which initiated this orgy of drinking, nor can we forget that at the Stalin, Churchill, Harriman conference the celebration was described by the leading Toronto papers as one of great joviality in which twenty-five toasts were drunk. This is far from calling upon God for our leadership.

Hand in hand with liquor goes lust and immorality. The New York State liquor authority said, "The more alcohol, the more syphilis." Col. O. M. Baldinger, U. S. Army officer in charge of the Lockbourne Air Base near Columbus, Ohio, who is a hard military man having passed through service in the first War and who is neither a dry nor a prohibitionist, notified the authorities in Columbus that unless the situation was cleaned up and the area made safe for his young men he would do the job himself. Reports showed that the area had "the worst record for venereal diseases in the entire fifth service command." In effect he said, "You clean it or I will clean you up." He presented a long list of establishments where liquor permits must be revoked and where dance permits be canceled and the authorities met his demand.

In San Francisco at a meet-

(Turn to page 4)

UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION,
Circulation Department,
Room 521, 120 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
$1.00 per year

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the sum of $..... for which please send twelve issues of "United Evangelical Action" to:

	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
3.	.....	.....
4.	.....	.....
5.	.....	.....
6.	.....	.....

THE N.A.E.U.A. AND THE NATION

(Continued from page 3)

ing of the city officials, health authorities, and police, Commander Benton B. V. Scott, representing Vice Admiral John W. Greenslade said, "We need action immediately. Our men take their last liberty here—their last fling before going into action. Then in a week or ten days many become incapacitated by disease and must be relieved of duty. At this time when America needs every man they are as completely out of action as if they were dead." Reporting further on the situation in the West coast metropolis Col. Raycroff said, "In one week in May five hundred twenty men turned up with venereal disease, 668 turned up infected in one week in June." These men are as surely to be reckoned losses to the military strength of America as if they had been shot on the battlefield and yet you may multiply that number by hundreds of places where this condition exists in America.

The Chicago Daily Tribune announced on August 26, 1942 that 25 camps formerly occupied by the CCC will be used now as detention centers and quarantine hospitals to cure and rehabilitate girls infected with venereal diseases. This action was announced by Charles P. Taft, Asst. Director of the Office of Defense and Military Service. Each hospital is expected to provide military treatment for one hundred to three hundred girls. Add to this the statement by representative Butler B. Hare of South Carolina in Congress on June 3rd, "Prostitution, on account of the spread of venereal disease, and the ready availability of alcoholic beverages in areas adjacent to troop concentrations are probably two of the greatest threats to our war efforts. Certainly they constitute a great menace to the welfare of our people."

A correspondent from Cairo reports that life in that imperiled city goes on as usual. Theaters and movies are crowded with people. Cocktail bars are thronged. Tea is served at four and there is dancing in the garden. All this while the rumble of guns is heard in the distance and the roar of destruction thunders at her gates. The newspaper correspondent reporting this condition said that either the Egyptians were fools or completely indifferent to the tragedy growing more imminent with every passing hour. We may not hear the sound of the guns but we are engaged in a struggle for our very existence. Those guns on the Egyptian front and on the Russian front will resound with victory or defeat for America. Yet in this 11th hour we too are thronging the movies, the theaters, the cocktails and the dances. The noise of our revelry rises in the night. Pearl Harbor has made no difference and using the tension of war as a pretext we have launched on a course of unparalleled excesses and license. Pleasure seeking, riotous living and prodigality instead of humbling ourselves and turning unto the Lord.

Along with this, potential menaces are growing within our own country which cause clear-sighted men to tremble. When organized labor can command a block of ten million, when a racketeering president of a labor union can stop a musician from leading the Star Spangled Banner in a community gathering, when religious singers are withdrawn from radio programs and when educational institutions must discontinue their musical programs that have been produced for a decade at the command of one man it is time to recognize that a revolution has occurred in this nation.

II. THE WAY OF LIFE THE WORLD NEEDS

We have mentioned the above things because we believe that unless we clean house, unless we set ourselves to the task of the problems on the inner front we will have no right to announce to the world that we will solve its problems. They will and they ought to laugh at us for our presumption. Yet we believe that there is a way of life followed by many in America and which could be enlarged for our nation and for the world so that it would become the first column of defense and the fifth column of Axis penetration leading to abiding victory.

First there must be the recognition of God. God is, God rules and God judges. Leadership will not be entrusted to the white race and specifically to America unless it recognizes its custodianship and stewardship of God's grace to men. It is time for God to receive a place in our thinking, counsels, addresses and life. True that God has been inserted as a magic word, or some ideal, more often in public speeches of late, but the recognition of and belief in the existence and law of God as a fact of life apparently more and more is rejected as the days go by. Let our people, our legislators, our generals, our national leaders acknowledge and place their trust in God. Let us as a nation begin to use on our short wave propaganda and moral offensive the truth that there is a God upon the throne of this universe who will help the suffering, undertake for the oppressed and who is interested in the downtrodden and we will have the foundation of the strongest propaganda which could be forged that which will appeal to the hundreds of millions of suffering ones in the world.

Secondly, let it be known that we believe in righteousness. Let those of integrity, honesty and moral fiber in America arise to declare that we believe in the equitable use of the world's goods, namely, its raw materials and that standards of righteousness will be applied to the problems with which we have to deal. All this will awaken a vibrant thrill of response in the hearts of men everywhere. But this is idle talk unless it is first applied to our own nation, to our migrant laborers and to our own injustices. It is a law of the universe that might ultimately is on the side of right, because of the righteousness of God. Let us realize this impending judgment, acknowledge that our punishment is due for our sins and declare that a righteous God will help those who distinguish between right and wrong in this world.

Third, we must remember that there is a law of God. With the banishing of God from our thoughts we have lost the objectivity of law in this world. Men have only recognized the authority of brute force. We must declare, proclaim and believe that on the objective authority of God, laws for nations in their intercourse one with another, for States, and for individual lives can and must be established. International security can only come through the recognition of the law of right and wrong. This objective standard of right and wrong must be placed supreme for every individual man and every nation. I realize that this cuts across grain to the educational theory of our day, but that theory has failed and the belief in God is yet to be tried.

Finally, there is Christ. Karl Barth, the exiled German theologian, declared that it was not the rights of man, not security for democracy, not freedom of speech, not the dignity of the individual which separated us from Hitler, but it is an impassable gulf formed by the resurrection of Christ. When a considerable body of men in this nation will return to this revelation about God, man and Christ, the esseatial elements will be infused into the human personality which will make it strong, courageous and persevering enough to build a new day. This is the first column for national strength and the only fifth column which can compete with the Axis propaganda today. It is a conflict of light with darkness, civilization with chaos, Christ with antichrist.

III. THE ADVANCE OF THIS WAY

Most of us will be agreed that this is the way of life needed for the world but the problem of life is as to how we as individuals can advance this way in a chaotic world. Such a task demands an adequate plan, an adequate philosophy to undergird that plan and a real attempt to initiate it.

Such an adequate plan we believe exists in the attempt to unite Evangelicals, that is, those who believe these truths, who individually construct their lives upon them and will jeopardize their lives for them. A vast remnant of such people exist in this world. God has His own in every Nation and almost in every city. It is our conviction that the large majority of professing Christians in America are still evangelical. Leadership in many places may have rejected Biblical Christianity, but not the rank and file of the church members. We must now bring these isolated believers or groups of believers into a single movement of effort and testimony. We are agreed upon the basis of the simple truths of the Christian faith such as we have above stated. What we need now is a concerted movement to capture our divided and fragmentized efforts and to concentrate them for good. The realization of this need is growing upon evangelical believers everywhere.

Once united such an organization could undertake evangelical action. A great block of millions of Christians standin solidly against wrongs in government, in civic and private thought and life, could well be the vanguard in the rescue not only of our nation but of civilization from the fire of death and destruction now engulfing us. Such a movement is able to pioneer in the realms of aggressive progress. Simultaneously a summons for war on the liquor interests must be sounded to all groups of evangelicals for action. Leadership of such an organization must speak out on national issues expressing the conviction of these now unvoiced and silent multitudes of true believers. Such unity of action will enable a widespread evangelistic effort in the rural areas of this nation now sinking in degradation and sin. Likewise, a thorough plan for world-wide evangelism covering all unreached areas may be laid for the period following the war and the problems of Protestantism can largely be solved through such a medium. United evangelicals can infuse the masses with a new sense of the righteousness of God and a need for righteous living. Our national mind could be and must be thus changed.

In undertaking evangelical action every modern means may be used for the conversion of our nation into a Christian way. Radio networks may be demanded and received. Press associations influenced, schools controlled, churches revived and homes awakened. Every area must be entered if our nation is to be turned in its course and be saved.

An adequate philosophy to undergird this effort is provided in Biblical Christianity. We need nothing more and nothing less. This and this alone will equip us for our task and on Biblical Christianity we must take our stand.

An attempt to initiate this movement has already been made. We of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action are sounding the trumpet call for unity, for action, for progress. We believe the hour is not too late. We believe the power at our disposal is not too little. We believe that the Evangelicals of the day under God will do the job, but such a task demands sacrifice of those connected with it, for those holding the responsibility of advancing it. There is the demand of time, energy and money. To accomplish this we must give all. That some are so willing to enlist health, popularity, security and their future is the opportunity of the hour. The determination must seize us all to yield to Jesus Christ, making His law and Gospel supreme in every area of our nation, in every phase of civic and private life beginning with our personal way of living.

Your part is to get right with God and with your neighbors that you might participate in united action. The inner peace and strength which you desire you will find in this spiritual experience. Then if the day of the martyrs should return here as it has in other sections of the world you need have no fear of not being able to meet your fate.

The complexion of this war will change when we change. When the men who go into battle are like that and when those who send them correspondingly are right with God we may look for the victory which is now nowhere in sight. The most important front is not the Russian Front, the Egyptian Front or the Second Front but it is the Christian Front. Have you responded to the call? Have you volunteered? Are you right with God? Are you taking your place in this great battle which is history's greatest cirisis? Sit down, tarry a moment, consider. Are you equipped to meet the future whatever it may be? If not, begin by embracing the way of life which the world needs.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

Word has been received from Rev. Alex H. Sauerwein, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Huntington, L. I., that plans are developing for rallies in and about metropolitan New York. Active leaders in the Central Atlantic Association include: Rev. M. Hatcher, Bridgeport; Rev. Verner Olsen and Rev. Robert Cunningham, Newark; and Rev. R. G. Frytag in the Oranges.